

**29 DECEMBER 2024**  
**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**



**Today's Services**

**All Saints, Marburg**  
**5th Sunday Combined Service**  
9:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

**Next Week**

***Saint Luke's, Rosewood***  
*8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)*

**Today's Bible Readings**

Ecclesiastes 12.1, 9—14  
Psalm 138  
Colossians 3.12—17  
John 1.1—14

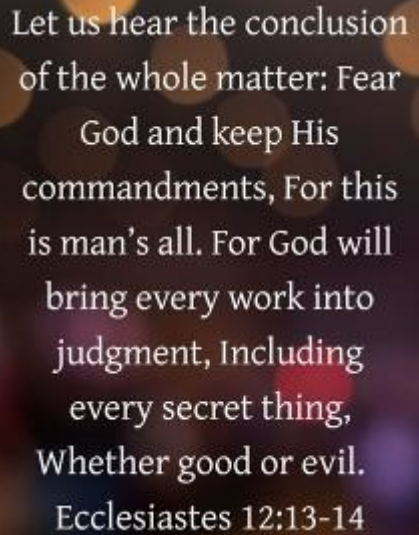
***Reflect on today's sentence***

*Clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.  
And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and be thankful.*  
*Colossians 3.14—15*

**As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.**

### Prayer of the Day

God of community,  
whose call is more insistent than ties of  
family or blood:  
may we so respect and love those whose  
lives are linked with ours  
that we fail not in loyalty to you,  
but make choices according to your will;  
through Jesus Christ , our Lord. **Amen.**



Let us hear the conclusion  
of the whole matter: Fear  
God and keep His  
commandments, For this  
is man's all. For God will  
bring every work into  
judgment, Including  
every secret thing,  
Whether good or evil.  
Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

### **Rev'd John's Sermon Outline**

A Scripture Passage to Ponder.

Ecclesiastes:12.9-14 -the last days Solomon takes us on a mental journey through his life- everything he tried, tested was meaningless!

vs 13 'Solomon made his triumphant Conclusion' The Conclusion of the matter - Fear God and keep His Commandments..

vs 14 I believe it is a call on us, as we enter 2025 that we should transform our lives ( Rom 12:2).

\* This is a call on us to take God's word seriously -we are to remain steadfast. (James 4:7) remain single minded about our Faith in Jesus.

Deuteronomy.11;12 Be of Good Cheer as we enter 2025!

A Promise for us all! By faith, The child of God can continue to cast ALL their cares upon God.

May our Lord by his Spirit take us to higher levels of prayerfulness in 2025, always hopeful and spiritual, and a higher degree of generosity...

May our gracious God continue to stir us from the beginning of a new year to the end of another year through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen!

# Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ

## Parish Council Meeting

Next Sunday is the first Parish Council meeting for 2025, following the service at St Luke's. This service will be a thanksgiving for our retiring Parish Councillors, particularly Sandy Vigar, Graham and Margot Badham who have given many years of service to our Parish.

We will be commissioning our new Parish Councillors.

*Rev John Simons*

*Colin Clifford*

*Christina Marre*

*Anne Parker*

*Sue Schultz*

*Mark Robinson*

*Susan Dunne*

*Joan Clifford*

*Desley Greensill*

*Robbie Henry*

*Marie Kavanagh*

*Carin McGovern*

*Becky McKallister*

*Suzie Smith*

*Locum Tenens*

*Warden*

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*Treasurer*

*Synod Rep*

*Synod Rep*

*Parish Councillor*

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A special morning tea will be shared following the service.

SAVE THE DATE

5 Jan—Epiphany Service, followed by Parish Council meeting

2 Mar—Annual General Meeting

## ***Why we should be a praying Church***

**Martin Luther:** “Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith.”

**John Wesley:** “I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it.”

**Billy Graham:** “Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.”

## **Prayer for the Archdeaconry**

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyzes and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus’s Name.  
**Amen.**

## **Prayer Requests**

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Bishop Cam, Bryan’s family, Margot, Shirley, Jayke, Robyn, Jenny, Leone, parishioners in the congregation of Saint James.

*Pray for those whose need is ongoing:*

Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Yvonne and Ian Hillard, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

## **Parish Directory**

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*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”*

*Isaiah 43.18—19*

**Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:  
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